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WASHINGTON MEETING

BARRY (FINANCE DEPARTMENT) TOLD TCO MARCH 11 PREVIOUS DAY'S INTERAGENCY MEETING WENT LATE INTO NIGHT AS PARTICIPANTS ATTEMPTED WRESTLE WITH ALL ASPECTS OF PROBLEM IN PREPARATION FOR CABINET DISCUSSION. CONSENSUS WAS THAT SECOND WASHINGTON SESSION WAS DESIRABLE (WITH FINANCIAL ANALYSTS MEETING AT SAME TIME, BUT PROBABLY SEPARATELY) BUT THAT THIS SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER CABINET CONSIDERATION. OFFICIALS FEEL THEY DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF JUST WHAT MINISTERS CONSIDER IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF ASSURANCES NEEDED. THEY WANT TO FLUSH THIS OUT THOROUGHLY IN CABINET COMMITTEE (MAR 16) AND PERHAPS IN FULL CABINET (MAR 18). THEN FINANCE OFFICIALS COULD MEET WITH USG ON THE BASIS OF FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ALL QUESTIONS OF REAL CONCERN. WHILE ABOVE DATES POSSIBLY COULD GET MOVED FORWARD, THIS IS NOT CONSIDERED LIKELY AT MOMENT. THUS EARLIEST DATE FOR WASHINGTON MEETING WOULD BE FRIDAY, MARCH 19 AND MORE LIKELY EARLY THE WEEK OF MARCH 22. TCO ADVISED BARRY TO GET CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON MAKE PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS RE DATES.
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